REMARKS

Applicant has amended the specification to correct an error in which the phrase "prior embodiments" was accidently typed as "prior art". It is clear from the specification that Applicant did not intend for the previously described embodiments to be considered as prior art to the invention.

Applicant has amended claims 3, 4, 20 and 22 to broaden the scope of the claims. Claims 5, 6, 13 and 17 have been amended to correct instances of improper dependency and antecedent basis, and to correspond to the amendments to the parent claims. Claims 31-90 corresponding to claims 1-30, have been added to increase the scope of the protection for the invention.

No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments.

Consideration of the application as preliminarily amended is respectfully requested. If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph 0056 on page 16, with the following paragraph:

Figure 9 illustrates one possible implementation of a fragment reference with access units, which is an extension and modification of the implementation of access units illustrated in Figure 3. Access unit 900 contains fragment update 902. Rather than a payload in fragment update 902, as would be found in the prior [art] embodiments, the invention shows fragment reference 904. Fragment reference 904 is a reference that identifies an accessible resource containing the fragment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 31-90 have been added.

- 3. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the fragment update [command is formed by including] <u>further comprises</u> a value [in the access unit].
- 4. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the fragment update [command] further comprises a fragment reference wherein the fragment reference is a pointer to a fragment [containing data] to be used by the fragment update command.
- 5. (Amended) The method of claim [1] 4 wherein the [referenced] fragment reference is [designated by] a uniform resource identifier (URI).
- 6. (Amended) The method of claim [1] 4 wherein the <u>fragment</u> reference is in XPath.

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13. (Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising: determining if a multimedia description corresponding to the access unit [is based] has changed;

identifying a changed portion of the multimedia description and a corresponding access unit; and

forming the fragment update [command] to correspond to the changed portion of the multimedia description.

- 17. (Amended) The method of claim [1 further comprising:
 referencing a fragment] 4 wherein the fragment is stored on a different system
 than a system performing the method of claim 1.
- (Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:transmitting a data for decoding [from an encoder] to a decoder.
- 22. (Amended) A method comprising:

receiving an access unit comprising a fragment update, wherein the fragment update comprises a command and a first fragment reference, and wherein the first fragment reference is a pointer to a first referenced fragment in a first node [and contains data to be used by the command].